THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Only mechanical vessels upto 10,000 DWT, including fishing trawlers, are eligible for automatic approval for foreign collaboration by the Reserve Bank of India.

In addition to above, imported designs are now permitetd without any restrictions under EXIM policy and the permission of the Government is not needed for obtaining the services of foreign experts as per the Reserve Bank of India guidelines.

(b) The existing technology available with the Shipyards in the country is not adequate to meet the changing scenerio in the Shipbuilding technology the world-over. The liberalisation of the policy has been done to simplify the procedure to bring in latest technology for the benefit of the shipbuilding industry in the country.

Encouragement to exporters by the Vishkhapatnam Port Trust

2247. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Visakhapatnam Port Trust has recently announced a scheme for allotment of land to encourage exports ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that this scheme is suitable for large exporters and large industry only ;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to encourage medium enterpreneurs and exporters ;

(e) whether the VPT proposes any scheme to encourage small and medium mineral exporters of Andhra Pradesh ; and

(f) if so, the measures proposed to be taken to encourage such exporters from Andhra Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT) has identified about 800 acres of land for leasing to Port based industries to promote exports & imports.

(c) No, Sir. The scheme cover medium & small scale industries provided they can make available to the Port a minimum guarnteed export traffic.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As stated above the scheme is for promotion of medium & small scale industries subject to certain conditions.

(f) Does not arise.

Construction of DTC shelters

2248. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of DTC shelters have been/are being constructed for commuters in Delhi and the existing shelters within a few feet of the new structure have been/are being demolished even though the existing structure were in good condition ;

(b) if so, the number of shelters constructed/being constructed this year and the number of nearby shelters demolished ; and

(c) the reasons for demolition of those shelters and the quantum of wasteful expenditure likely to be involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No, Sir.